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CIA ACTIVITIES ON THE CHECK LIST OPERATION

November 1948	Proposal first circulated, for limited use.
19 August 1949	State inquired at IAC meeting re a Watch Committee.
22 August to 9 September 1949	Preparation of draft memorandum issued by DCI 26 September 1949.
12 September 1949	Approval of draft memorandum by DCI.
15 September to 26 September 1949	Interviews with top members of IAC intelligence staffs to explain nature, operations, limitations of Check List.
26 September 1949	DCI issues memorandum to IAC members.
30 September to 13 October 1949	Check List Officers nominated by IAC agencies.
14 October to 1 November 1949	Internal procedures set up in CIA and Check List needs discussed with CIA Offices (OSO, OPC, OSI)
7 November 1949	Request sent to all IAC Check List Officers for summaries of available information bearing on Check List indicators falling logically under their purview. This request had a deadline 18 November, shortly after which a meeting was to be held.
7 November to 15 November 1949	Check List Officers nominated by CIA Offices.
19 November to 29 November 1949	Reports received from Army and Navy; none from State and Air - in answer to Memo of Nov. 7.
5 December 1949	First Check List meeting; basic objectives and informal allocations of primary responsibility discussed, among other things; next meeting set for 11 January 1950.
7 December	Memo to Participating agencies.
8 December to 13 December 1949	Interviews with various Check List Officers to discuss possibility of a "Christmas Flap"; all agreed little likelihood.
13 December 1949	Memorandum prepared as consensus of Check List opinion that "no flap" was expected - held for use in case an apparent "flap" began during the holidays.
14 December 1949 to 3 January 1950	Holidays; one or more Check List Officers were gone during this period.
11 January 1950	Meeting postpone due to non-receipt of scientific indicators from OSI for inclusion in the Check List.
17 January 1950	Meeting again postponed because revised Check List including OSI's contributions not yet completed. At the time of both these postponements all Check List Officers were contacted and none saw any crisis brewing that would have required a meeting without the new Check List.
26 January	Meeting held to discuss revised Check List.